DUR CHILDRENS PAGE, MADE BY CHILDREN

"The Children's Club and Library

Carrington Calloway, Norwood, Va. Hester Bruce, 4081/2 North Eighth

"But come, children; we must eat breakfast now, and will talk about that later," said their mother. So the children at their breakfast in a hury and went back to the Christmas tree.

"It is time to dress now," said Lizzie. When they got through they found that it was time for the children to come. In seventeen minutes they were all there. There were seventeen children. O, what a time they had! They played games and undressed and dressed the tree a dozen times before dinner. Each child got a

Hanover Courthouse, Va

Christmas, as it used to be celebrated in England and Virginia, was a time of merriment and good will for everybody. To make more merriment, good will and peace, it was considered necessary to have a roaring log fire.

On Christmas Eve men went into the forest and cut a huge oak log that fitted in the large fireplaces the people used to have.

At the celebration this log was lit up and allowed to burn until only a small place was left. This chunk was left until the next Christmas, when it was used to light up the fire then.

Everybody was happy at Christmas, a plentiful supply of ale, the famous English drink, was kept going around. An old English custom was to have a peacock cooked for the dinner.

Mistletoe with herries on it was hanging around, and lovers would go under it, pluck a berry and kiss each other.

To add to the merriment must was had and dancing with it. Everything connected with the holiday heiped to make good will and peace.

SAMUEL LEE ROBERTSON.

THE UNHUNG STOCKINGS.

Will nobody buy us, unfold us and tie

Up by the chimney where Santa
Claus comes
To fill us with trumpets and dollles and drums,
With candy and toys for the girls
and boys?
Oh, gladly we'd suffer things, even to holes,
We'd reely give everything, even our soles,
To please the poor children—so
many 'tis shocking!—
For whom no one hold.

HOLLY.

Holly is a tree or shrub with simple, elternate leaves. It is an evergreen. The flowers are white and they bloom in May. The fruit is like a berry and

In May. The trutt is the a berry and is red.

The tree grows to about fiften or forty feet high. The wood is hard and white. It grows wild in Naw England and southward to Virginia.

It is used to decorate churches and houses for Christmas, and is a sign of good will, cheer and comfort.

Selected by LILLIE H. TYLER.

Staunton, Va.



Dear Children of the Club:

I have promised to tell you to-day about a Christmas gift which I hope you will enjoy very much.

There is a Woman's Club in Richmond where the ladies can meet for various purposes, and where they and their friends can enjoy themselves very much in different ways.

The gentlemen have several clubs—the Westmoreland. Commonwealth, Deep Rin Hunt, Jefferson and Virginia being among the most promisent.

But the children, the boys and girls of Richmond and Virginia, have hitherto been left out in the arrangements that have been made for their elders.

They will be left out no longer. With the coming of the New Year, rooms in which children can enjoy the convenience of a writing and drawing table, or play simple games, if they so prefer, and in which, shove all, they can always have free access to carefully-selected books, which will be theirs to read during library hours, are going to be gotten ready and thrown open to the Children's Club, and through them, the editor hopes, to other children everywhere in the city and the State.

The location of the rooms will be given later. It is now proposed to open them three afternoons in each week, with a librarian in charge, to make them bright, comfortable and cheery in every possible way, so that the "Children's Club and Library" may be always a synonym for good fellowship and real friendship between its members.

It is proposed to make the Children's rooms an atmosphere in which boys and girls will be made to feel especially at home where they will have the advantage of coming into personal contact with each other and with the editor of this page, who hopes to act as librarian and labraries may be always a synonym for good fellowship and real friendship between the state for the benefit of the members for our Children's Page boys and girls a place that they will be able to do better work, and primarity to them, a place where the yull be able to do better work, and primarity to them, a place where the yull be able to do better work and primarity

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"O, look at the beautiful Christmas tree," said Annie to her sister, as they went into the dining-room. "We are going to have a party. Won't that be nice?"

come, children; we must eat

present, and played with it till dinner was ready. The boys snow-balled and rode in their steigh.

When they went home in the evening they said it was the most beautiful Christmas they ever saw.

GAY B. LEWIS.

OLD CHRISTMAS.

soles.
To please the poor children—so many 'tis shocking!—
For whom no one hargs up a long Christmes stocking.
Selected by ELITABETH REID.
23 East Canal Street, Richmond, Va.

GOING TO TOWN. By Ida K. Reid, 23 East Canal Street, City

QUESTIONS OF THE AGE.

12. With what age are emigrants familiar? BOGART A. PRETLOW. Franklin, Va.
A PRIZE PUZZLE.

Before

PUZZLE DEPARTMENT

The first letters of the pictures on the Christmas tree, in numerical order, will apell an important December day.

BY CARRINGTON CALLAWAY, Norwood, Va.

A man had a pond with an island in it.
The nearest point to the island from the bank was sixteen feet. The man had two planits, but one was ten feet and the other way eight feet. He desires to reach the sland, but has nothing whatever with which to fasten the planks together. How, then, can he get to the island with the two planks?

HARRY E. WICKS. 110 Campbell Ave., West Roancke, Va.
RHYMED ANIMALS.

1. What animal rhymes with to fight with the fist?
2. A heavy stick?
3. A plant?
4. One who tends sheep?
5. A canal of water round a house for de-

With another?
To unite?
To guide a vessel?
Large? 9. Large?
10. A dustom?
11. A heavy, bulky piece of wood?
12. To talk idly?
13. To talk idly?
Norwood, Nelson county. \$Va.
CHARADE.

My first is in mouse, but not in house, My second is in inch, and also in pinch, My second is in inch, and also in pinch, My third is in south, but not in north, My fourth is in stand, but not in pan. My sixth is in sit, and also in pin, My sixth is in sit, but not in hit, My seventh is in sat, but not in mat, My selenth is in set, but not in mat, My eighth is in lee, and also in rice. My ninth is in pie, but not in de.

My ninth is in pie, but not in de.

My eleventh is in it, and also in lit.
My whole is a very long river.
MARGARET WILLIAMS.
JUMBLED NAMES OF GIRLS.

WATCHING FOR SANTA CLAUSE. 3 A.M.

After

A-kinglim, a-kliming, ym dipe.
"woe, kate race fo ryuo leesh." hes dias,
"Dan oyu hails heav mose icen wen hya
Fi loyiu' tiequly tel em klim ayaw."
MAY BELLE SCHULTZE.
No. 6 South Plum Street.

To Charade: Christmas. MYRTLE E. BINGHAM. Elkhorn, W. Va. To Diamond Puzzle:

JULIA BULLITT.

7. Fanama. 3. Portland. 4. Turkey. 5. Hhode Island. 6. Europe. 7. North America 8. Iowa. 9. Cape Lookout. 10. New York. 11. Maryland. 12. Warsaw. 13. Canary Islands.

By WILLIE A. CALLAWAY.

To Charada. Chil

R. F. D. No. 8, Richmond, Va.

thors. 9. Tag. 10. Checkers. 11. Tit-tattoe. 11. Matbles.

PAUL GARTHRIGHT.

R. F. D. No. 3. Richmond, Va.

OLD PETER.

Dear Editor,—Long ago there lived an old slave named Peter, and he belonged to my great-grandfather. One field the Indians stole him. They were going to kill him, but he told them he was a good huntsman, and they let him loose and he went hunting every day, and he stayed longer every day.

After he stayed onger every day, after he stayed a year he ran away from the Indians and came home. My great-grandfather said to his wife "Can it be possible that is old Peter?"

Peter came closer and closer until he got to the steps, and dropped his cap and said: "Well, master, I done come home."

All were glad to see him.

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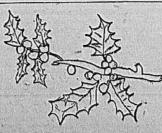
E. B. ROBINSON.

P. S.—Please send me a badge; I lost my first.

Winginia, Va.

The OLD TOYS.

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Last Cracker

1. Cheffore.
2. Lelnei.
3. Zelha.
4. Rieam.
5. Byur,
6 Nimnei.
7 Ginrival.

LUCILLE V. BUTLER.
2214 E. Marshall Street, Richmond, Va.
JUMBLED NAMES.

2. Army.
3. Harmtha.
4. Yasglad.
5. Enilorf.
6. Tanej.
7. Yma.
8. Lislyph.
9. Nieza.
10. Thebaliz.
11. Anirinivg.
12. Maneald.

PUZZLE

ANSWERS.

paper pet JULIA BULLITT.

Norwood, Va.

To Charade: Christmas.
LILLIAN FLANNAGAN.
To Jumbled Games. 1. Jackstones. 2.
Dominos. 6. Tennis. 7. Hopscotch. 8. Authors. 9. 7ag. 10. Checkers. 11. Tit-tattoe. 12. Marbles.

BY HESTER BRUCE.



Happy Christmas.

It was Christmas Eve and the snow had been railing thick and fast since early morning.

Far from the city was a little house, built on the side of a steep hill. Mrs. Jennet lived there all alone with her little daughter. Edith. They were not very rich, but had all they wished for.

On this particular day Edith was at the window gazirg with happy eyes upon the snow, thinking only what to-morrow would bring.

"Mother," said she, "are you still sure that Santa will find us out here?"

"I hope so my dear." renlied her

"she used to take me, and said, "I kept away the bad dreams."

At last, Christmas came, and Alice's mother said to her: "Alice, don't you want to give some of those old toys to some poor little children."

"Yes, mamma," she said, "Come and we will select some."

(To be continued.)

MARY BURROW PUGH.

2607 East Grace Street, city.

MY TRIP TO EUROPE.

Last year I went to Europe. I landed in Liverpool, where I stayed only a day. I then went to London, and went in the old tower and saw the battle-axes and the armour that were used in the time of Riobard I. I then crossed the Straits of Dover and was in France. I went to Paris, the finest city I saw, I went up the Elfel Tower which is 1,000 feet high. I then went to Switzerland which I liked best of all, because mountains are all around with Mont Blanc above all. I then started home, after a fine trip to Europe.

In the control of the control of the cage to see St., Richmond, Va.

Letters From Onr Children

Dear Editor, Inclosed you will find a strry entitled "Christmas," which I hope will escape the waste basket. Wishing you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, you old member, GAY B. LEWIS, Hanover Courthouse, Va.

Dear Editor,—As I wish to join your club I send this drawing. If you think it good clough I will be pleased, and hope you will send me a badge. Yours truly.

800 W. Clay St., Richmond, Va.

Dear Editor,—I am very anxious to be-tome a member of the T. D. C. C., and hope i will be in time for the new badges. I in-placed by the control of the control of the WILLIE J. COX. 2517 E. Grace St., Richmond, Va.

Dear Editor,—Inclosed you will find a step which I wrote, and if you find it good enough please publish it in your Sunday lines-Dispatch, and oblige your member, Top Stuart Street, Staunton, Va.

Dear Editor.—I have been reading of the the T. D. C. C. for some time and would like to become a member of the club. Please send me a badge. I hope to see my letter published this Sunday. Love to the editor.

SADIE LOUISE KNAPP.

511 W. Marshall St., Richmond, Va.

Dear Editor.—I herewith inclose you go Christmas story and a little drawing, which I trust you will publish. Should you fall to publish same I will try &gain. I remai your member of the T. D. C. C. Yourd truly,

Chase City, Va.

your member of the T. D. C. C. Yourg, truly, Chase City, Va. Dear Editor, Inclosed you will find as original story on "Jim's Christmas." I will be pleased to see it in print. Next time iray send a drawing for the page. A merry Christmas I wish to you. Your member, ELLA BRUSHWOOD. No. 220 Mallory Avenue, Hampton, Va.

Dear Editor,—I was so glad when I by need the paper Sunday to see I had won a prize. I never had thought I would win a prize. I sertainly do hope to get the prize al soon. Good-by. Hoping the club success MARQUERITE BAILEY. Scottsburg, Va.

Scottsburg, Vo.

Dear Editor.—Inclosed find an original drawing, which I hope is good enough to print. I have been trying to draw this one all lists week, and it took me a long time to draw it. Yours very truly, EOBERT WILLIAMS.

1618 Orove Avenue, City.

Dear Editor,—I would like to become a member of the T D C, C. I am nine years old and am in the fourth grade. I can't draw much, but I will try to write some stories. We all (I mean all the children) enoy the children's page.

Chatham, Va. CHESLEY MARTIN.
P. B.—Please send me a badge.

Dear Editor.—You have not had a letter from me in a long time. I read every Sunday about the T. D. C. C. and what its merrbers are doing. I send you a puzzie, which I wish to see come out in next Sunday's paper. Will write a long letter soon. Your member. BOGART A. PRETLOW.

Franklin, Va. Prantin, Va.

Dear Editor,—I suppose you think I have protein you and the club, but I haven't, and it's only lasiness that ken in the committee of the control of the contr

Dear Editor.—I send a little poem, if it may be so called. The rhyme and meter it nor as good as I would like for it to be. I was glad to see my story in print, and hope to see my rhyme in print. Wishing you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, your friend. THERSA M. JOHNSON. Box 26, Dillwyn, Va.

Tear Editor,—I send you a little drawing which I hope you will think nice enough to put on the T. D. C. C. page. We have a great big sander in our yard named "Mr. Ruff." If he will stand still long enough I will draw a picture of him and send it to you Your new member, ISLA COATES.

No. 1116 Oakwood Ave., Richmond, Va. Dear Editor.—I have been reading the hidden's page every Sunday, and I have aken much interest in it. Inclosed find a wazzle, which I hope will escape the was easket. Yours respectfully, LUCILLE V. BUTLER, 1914 E. Marshall St., Richmend, Va.

Drar Editor.—I was sorry not to see my drawing in the paper last Sunday, but I will try again. I have drawn a picture of "Lappis" and also a story about "A Bad Buy's Dream That Made Him Good." Wishing a merry Christmas to the T. D. C. C. members, your member.

No. 2413 Warwick Avenue, Newp

pagges I could hand them to the children around here and get them to help us in our T. D. C. C. work. Old member T. WELFORD LANDRAM NOEL. Hanover county, Va.

Dear Editor.—I guess you think I have forgotten you, but I have not. I have been busy going to school, but read the T. D. C. page every week. I know all the members will be glad to see Christmas coma. We always have a lot of fun getting evergreens and Christmas frees. We are going out next Friday, if it don't rain. I am going to write a story now, which I hope you will print. Your member.

EMILY MASON JAMES.

City Point, Va.

City Point, Va. Dear Editor.—I was very sorry not to see
my last drawing in your paper. It was one
I drew at school, and my teacher compliamented it so much that I thought you would
like it, too. I am not faint-hearted, you
see as I send you another. I hope you will
like this one and publish it With beat
wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy
New Year, I remain as ever.
No. 605 Main St., Covington, Va.

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Dear Editor.—I inclose an original drawing, which I have drawn for our page. I drew one similar to it sometime ago and intended sending it in for the Christmas mage, but it was misplaced, and so I amending a Christmas drawing after Christmas, but yet hone it may be of use, as all lecember is Christmas month I certainly think that Miss Ida K. Reid sends in splendid illustrated puzzles and poms; they are certainly elever. I am so anxious to know what our T. D. C. C. Christmas gift will be. I must close, as it is getting late, so zood-by. Best wishes to the T. D. C. C. Your interested mamber.

Elkhorn, W. Va.

F. S.—I hope you will please excuse this writing, as my hand is very tired of drawing.

Dear Editor.—I haven't any story to send

Dear Editor,—I haven't any story to send to-day, but I will write you a letter. I go to school and study hard! we have a nict teacher. I study dictionary, Ruehler's grammar, White's complete arithmetic, general history, sixth reader, Maury's manual seography. Christmas will 86on be here, then all the children will be looking for Santu Claus. It is raining and sleeting here to day. We have five malls here a day. The mails are getting feasy how, as it is near classifications. I hope all the members of the ladge, I lost the one I had. I must close, Wishing editor and all the members a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, I remait you member, HATTIE E. SMOOT.

Box 11, Mitchells, Culpeper county, Va.

THE YILL LOS.

The OLD TOYS.

CHAPTER I.

Little Alice had just gotten one of those new fashloned bull dogs. The toys that she used to love were put away on the nursery shelf. Among them was a little white bear.

One night they talked over their sorrows. "I wonder if she takes that dog to bad," said the little white bear; Soo West Clay Stret, Richmond, Va.

The Yule log was first used by the scandinavians at the feast of Yule in honor of their god Thor. In England the log was brought in at Christmas time and burned with great ceremony. A plece of the Yule log must be left over from the year before to light it with beause it was bad luck to light it with anything else. There was always great feasing and dancing. Selected by HUGH E. JACKSON.